

Hello,

My name is Nick Mumley, I am 19 years old living in Northwest Vermont. I hope to someday have a career in sports media and have been working incredibly hard to reach that goal since I was in the 4th grade. It's my life dream to find success in this field. My Cable Public Access station, Northwest Access Television (NWA-TV) in St Albans, Vermont has been an incredible resource for me as I grow in this field. I am on 3 different shows on NWA-TV, one of which I host. I also commentate local sports, an incredibly large aspect in our community.

Up until this spring we were operating out of a back room in a high school. Since then a brand new building- the lifelong vision of David McWilliams and Rick Tatro, among many others. The new building has opened up so many new opportunities for anyone in the area to contribute to local media. We're just getting started in maximizing the building's full potential.

Northwest has been growing exponentially since I first appeared on one of the weekly talk shows when I was 14 years old. It's been truly amazing to see. I have no idea where I'd be in my career path if I this resource wasn't here for me. Even as I grow older, more experienced, and hopefully onto bigger things, I would be absolutely crushed to see the FCC cut the funding to cable access television, thus eliminating all the hard work and incredible progress we've made. I think of people in my shoes ten, twenty years down the road, and hope that they can have the same great experiences I have had. Public access is an amazing resource to the community and cutting its funding would be single-handedly the most crucial mistake that could be made.

Sincerely,
Nickolas L. Mumley